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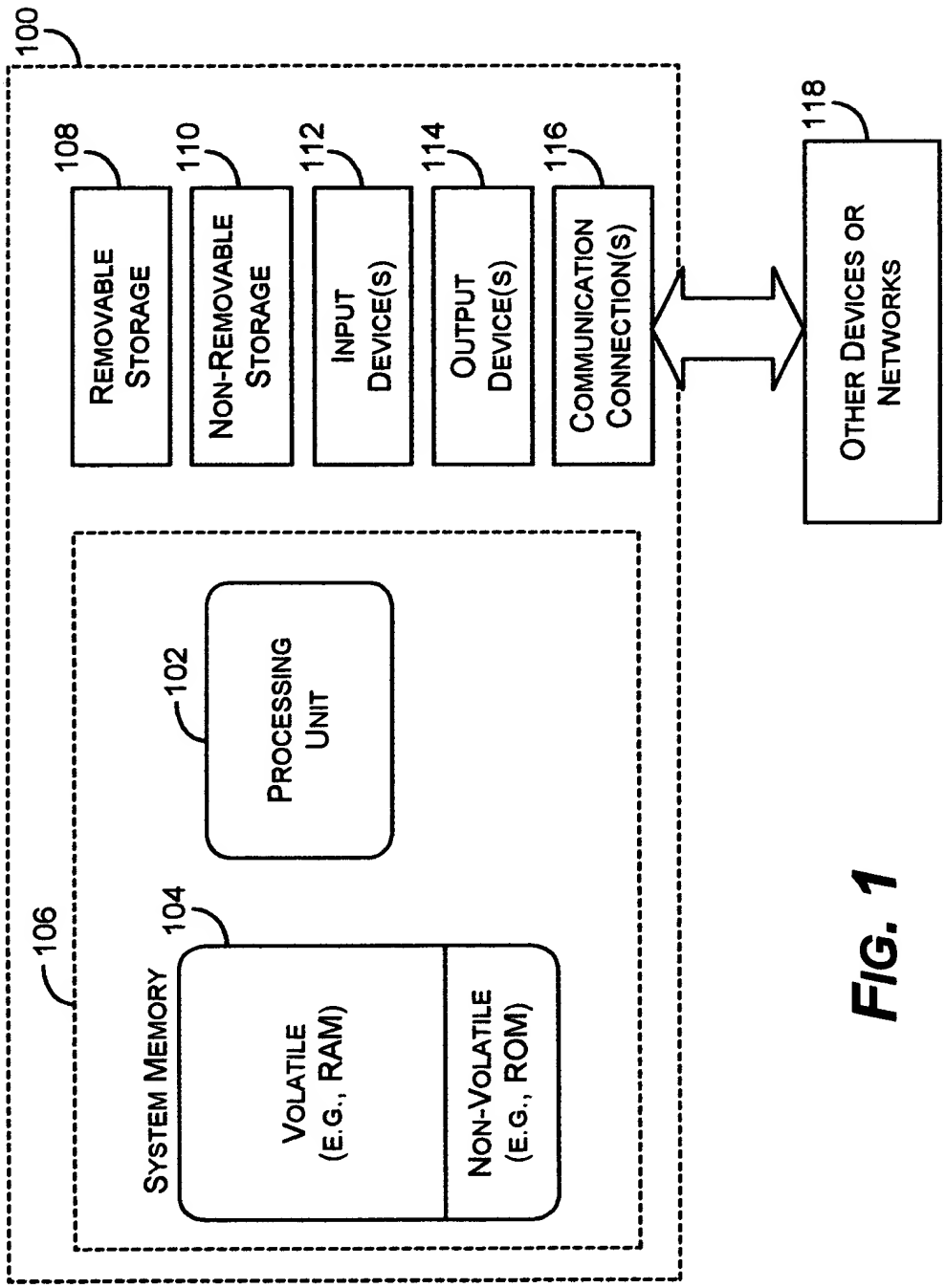

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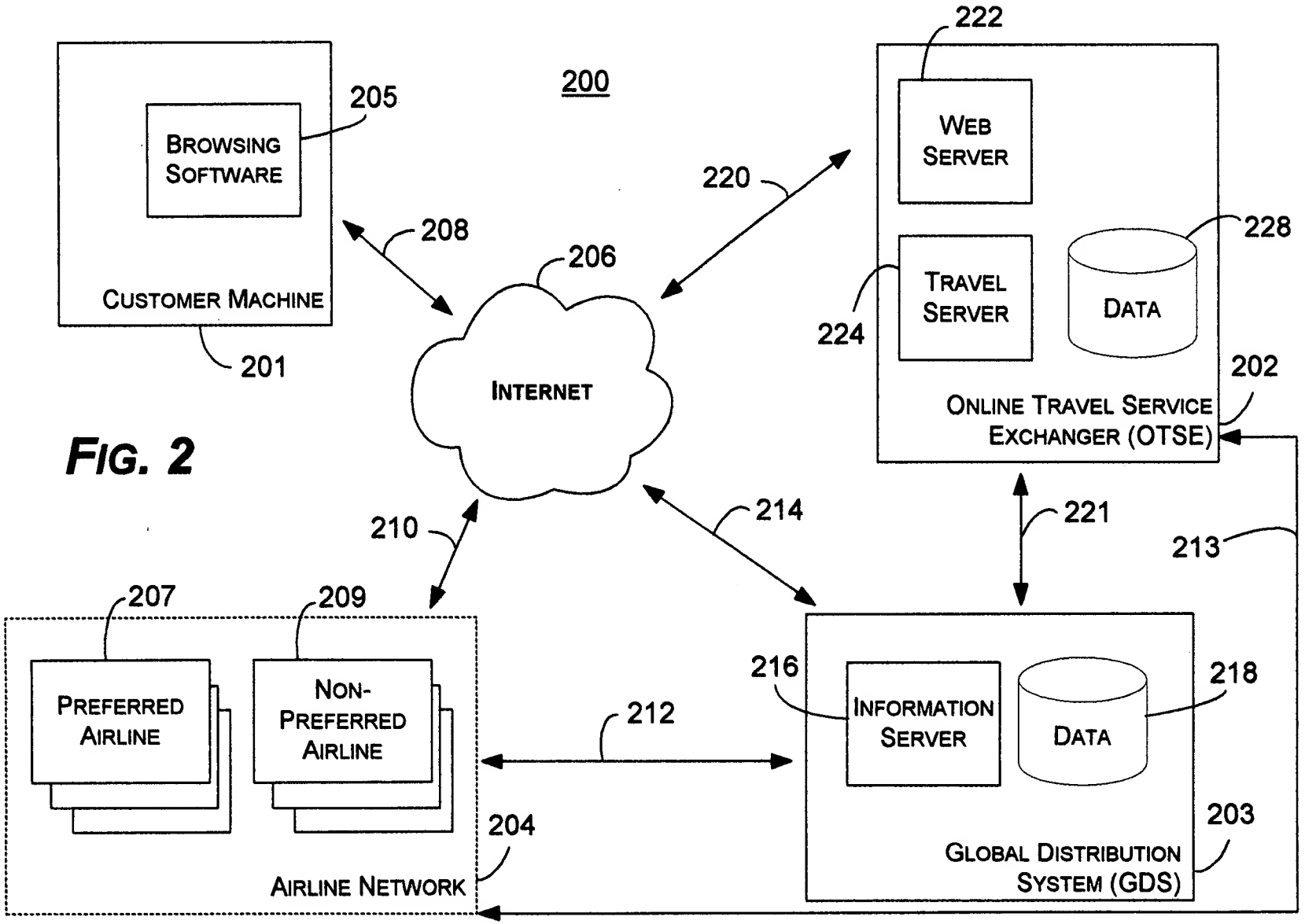

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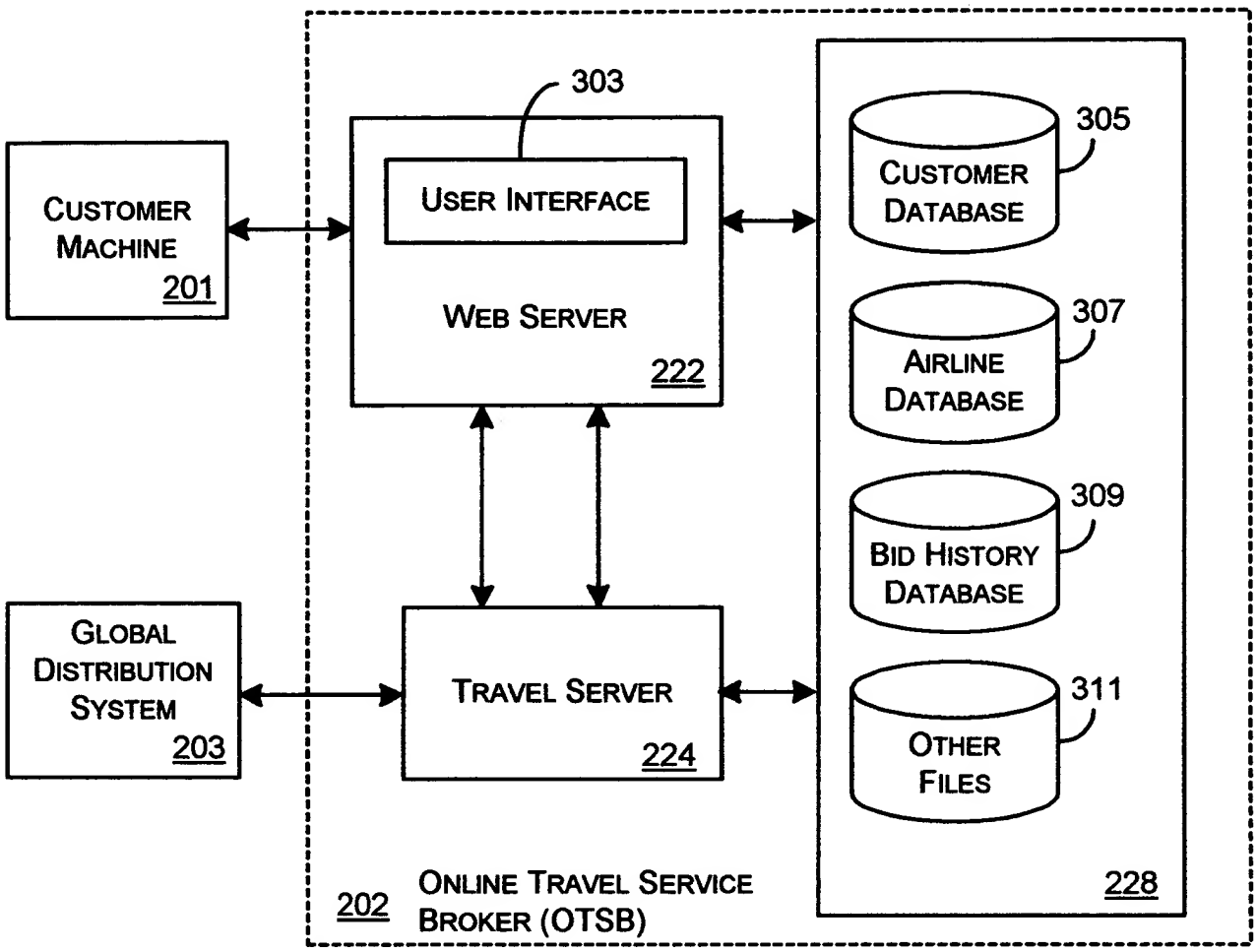

303
USER INTERFACE
WEB SERVER
222
CUSTOMER MACHINE
201
305
CUSTOMER DATABASE
307
AIRLINE DATABASE
309
BID HISTORY DATABASE
311
OTHER FILES
GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
203
TRAVEL SERVER
224
202
ONLINE TRAVEL SERVICE BROKER (OTSB)
228

FIG. 3

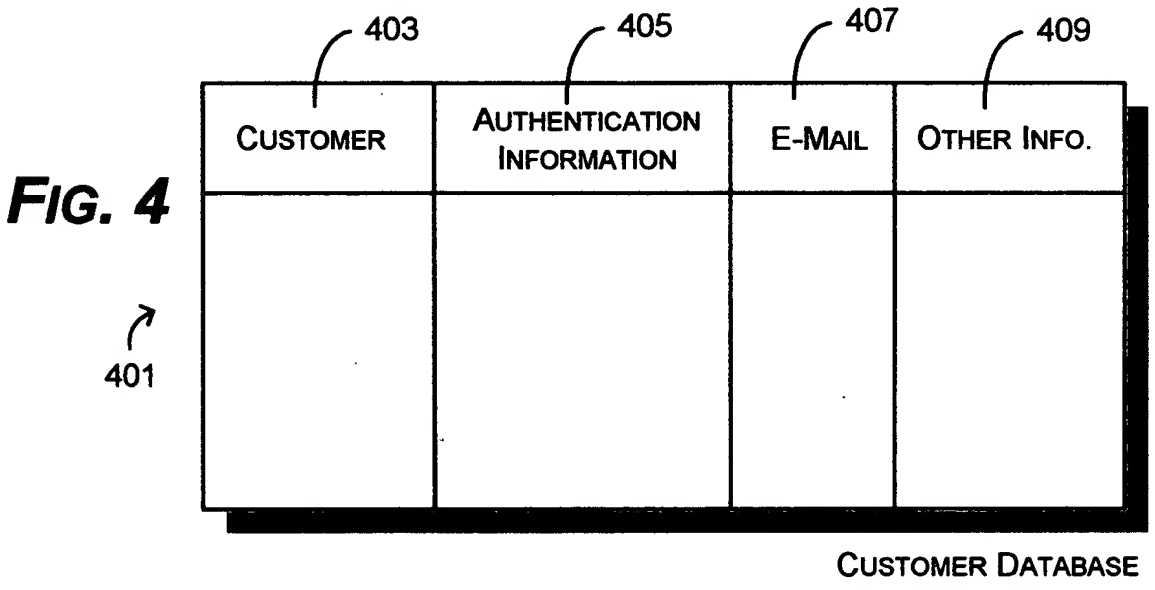

403
405
407
409
CUSTOMER
AUTHENTICATION INFORMATION
E-MAIL
OTHER INFO.
401
CUSTOMER DATABASE

FIG. 4

FIG. 5

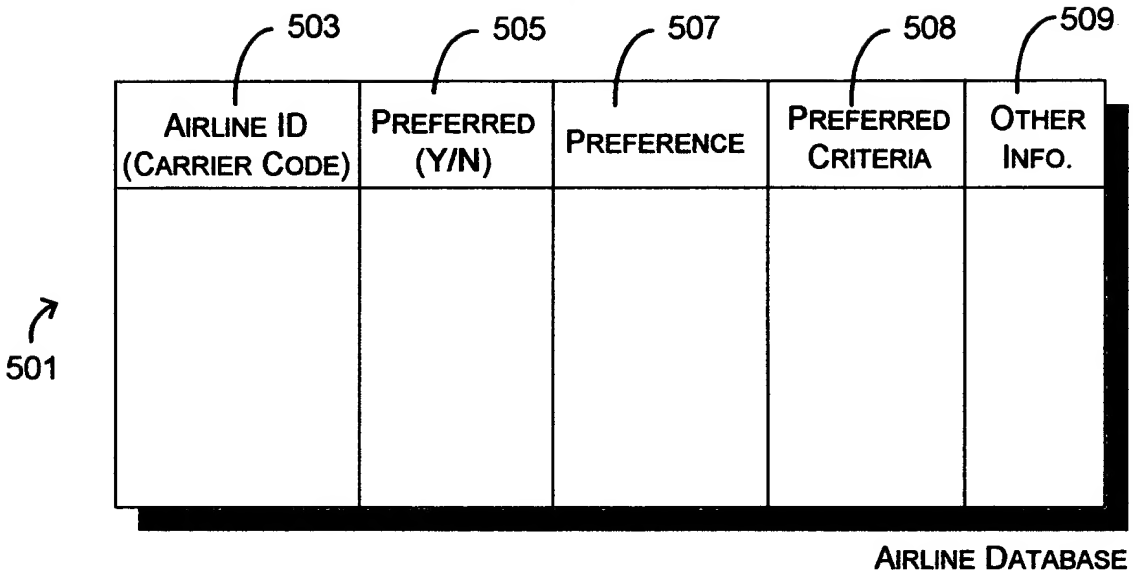
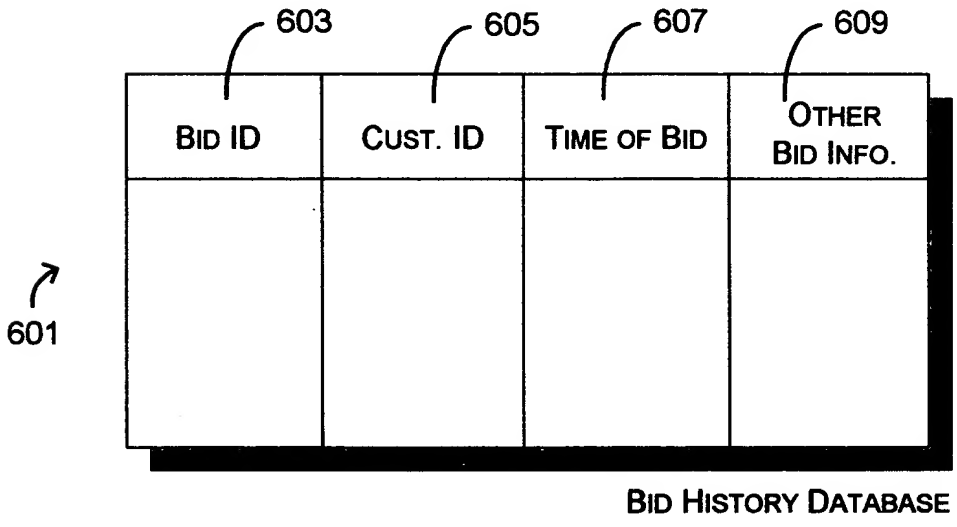

503
505
507
508
509
AIRLINE ID (CARRIER CODE)
PREFERRED (Y/N)
PREFERENCE
PREFERRED CRITERIA
OTHER INFO.
501
AIRLINE DATABASE

FIG. 6


603
605
607
609
BID ID
CUST. ID
TIME OF BID
OTHER BID INFO.
601
BID HISTORY DATABASE

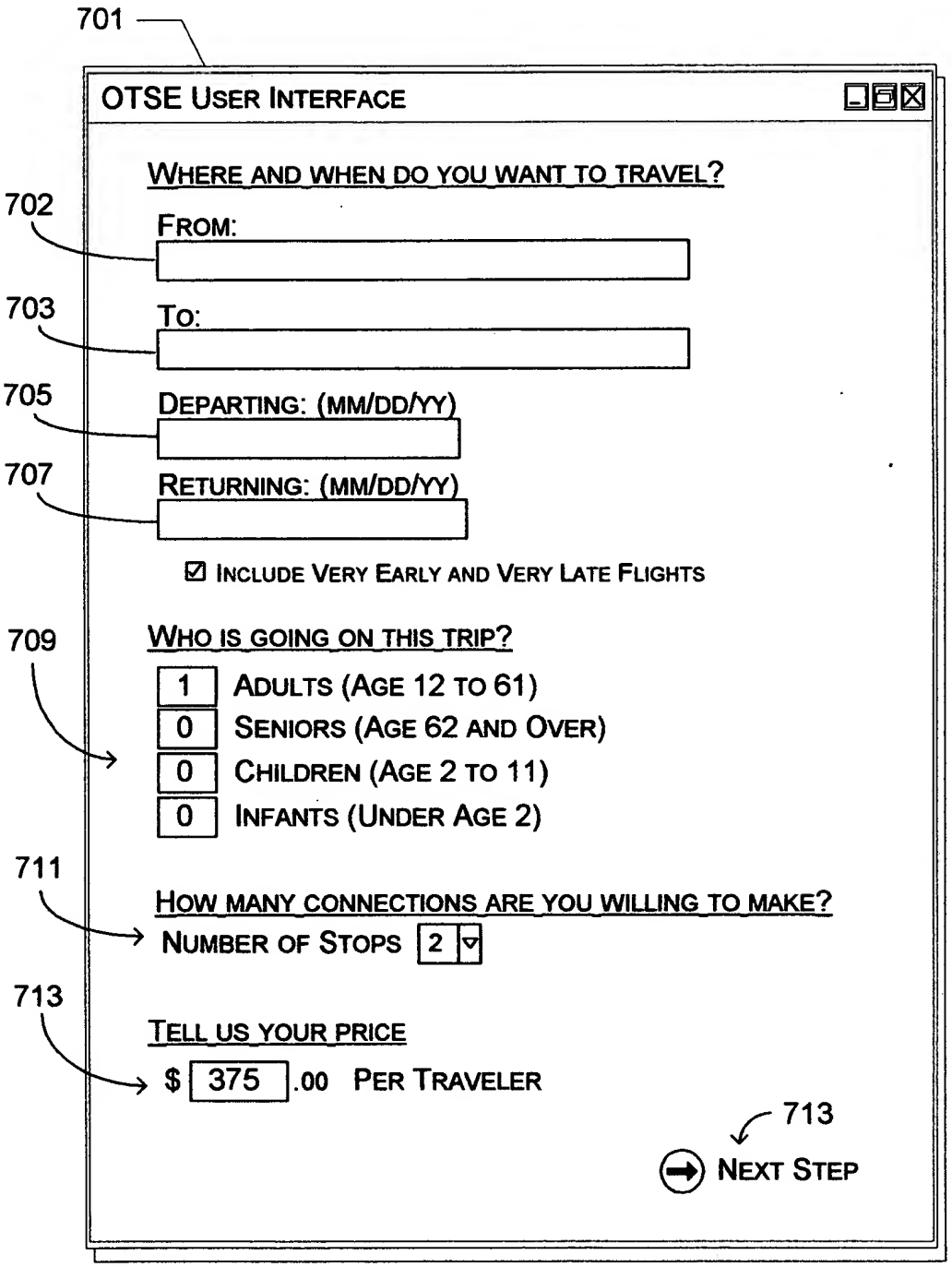


FIG. 7

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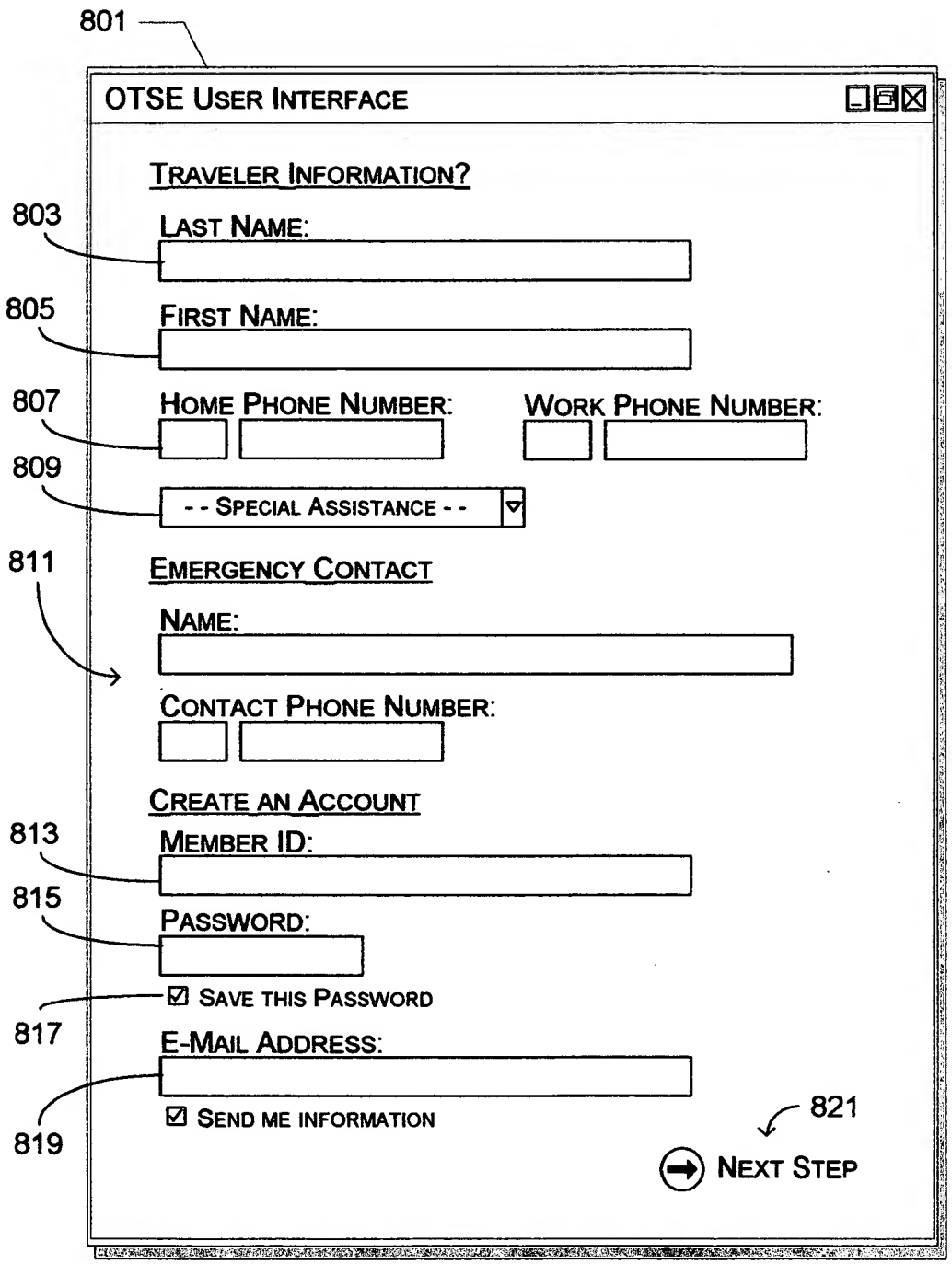

801
OTSE USER INTERFACE
TRAVELER INFORMATION?
803
LAST NAME:
805
FIRST NAME:
807
HOME PHONE NUMBER:
WORK PHONE NUMBER:
809
- - SPECIAL ASSISTANCE - -
811
EMERGENCY CONTACT
NAME:
CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:
CREATE AN ACCOUNT
813
MEMBER ID:
815
PASSWORD:
SAVE THIS PASSWORD
817
E-MAIL ADDRESS:
819
SEND ME INFORMATION
821
NEXT STEP

FIG. 8

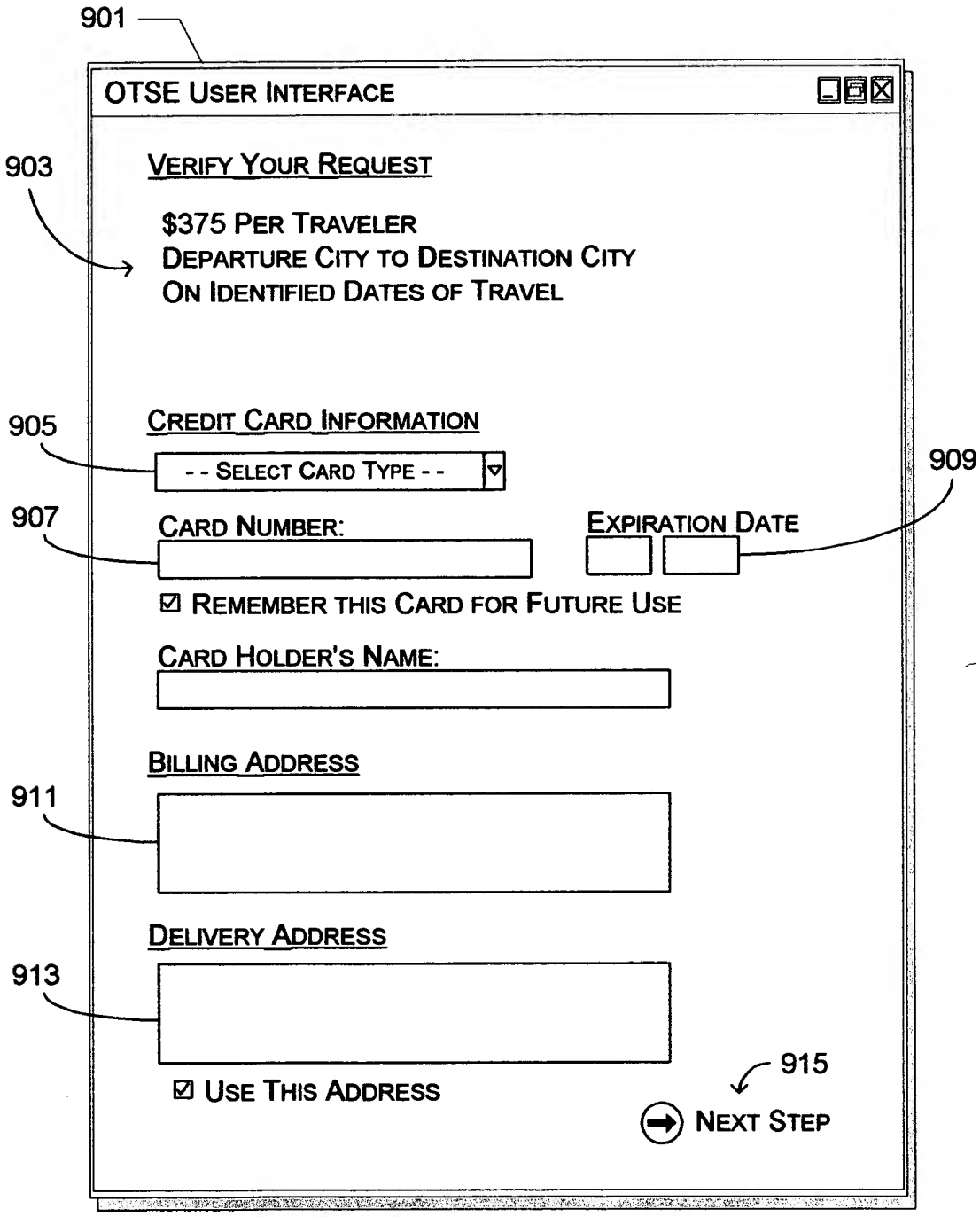
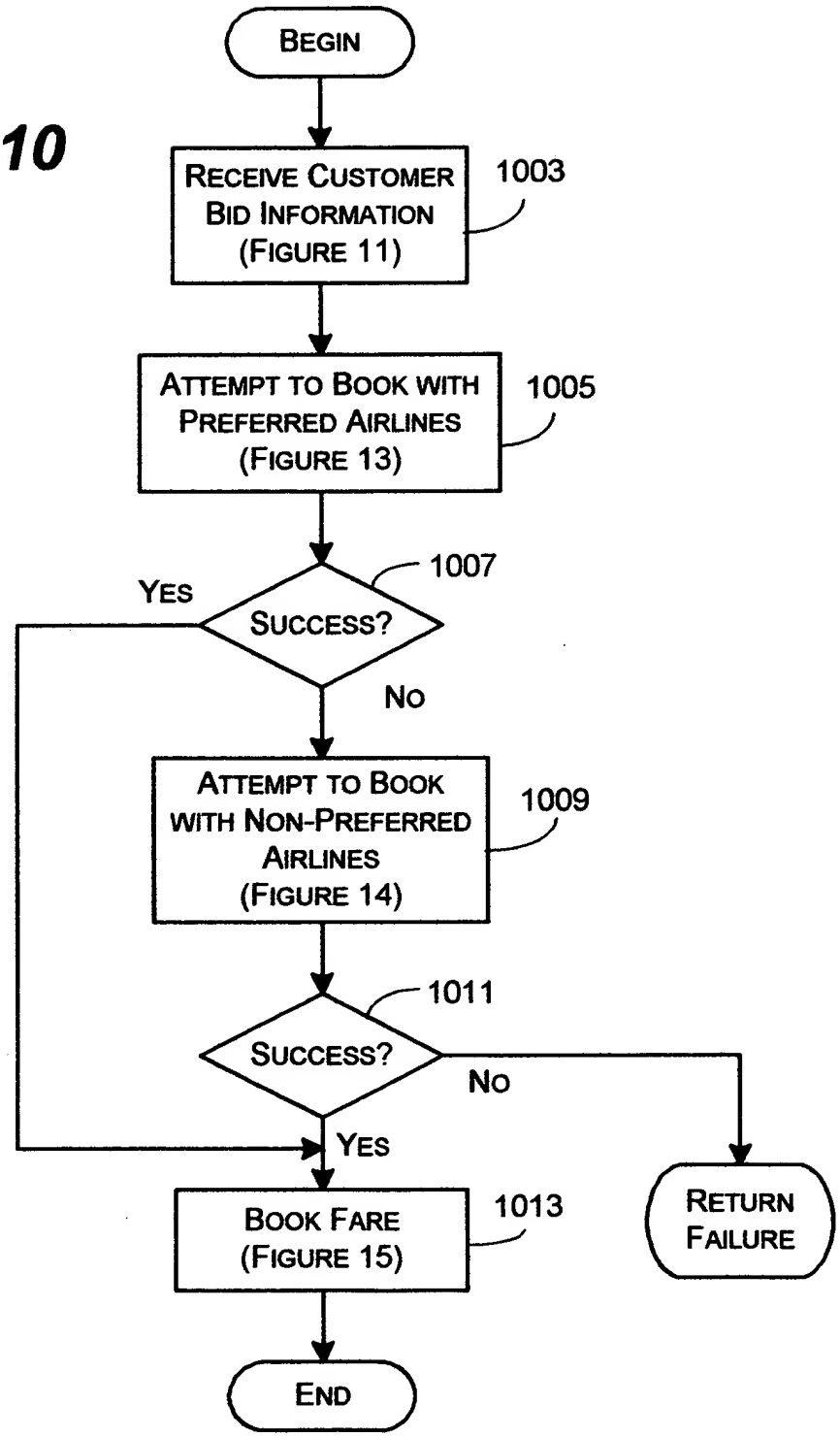

901
OTSE USER INTERFACE
903
VERIFY YOUR REQUEST
$375 PER TRAVELER
DEPARTURE CITY TO DESTINATION CITY
ON IDENTIFIED DATES OF TRAVEL
905
CREDIT CARD INFORMATION
- - SELECT CARD TYPE - -
907
CARD NUMBER:
909
EXPIRATION DATE
REMEMBER THIS CARD FOR FUTURE USE
CARD HOLDER'S NAME:
BILLING ADDRESS
911
DELIVERY ADDRESS
913
USE THIS ADDRESS
915
NEXT STEP

FIG. 9

FIG. 10



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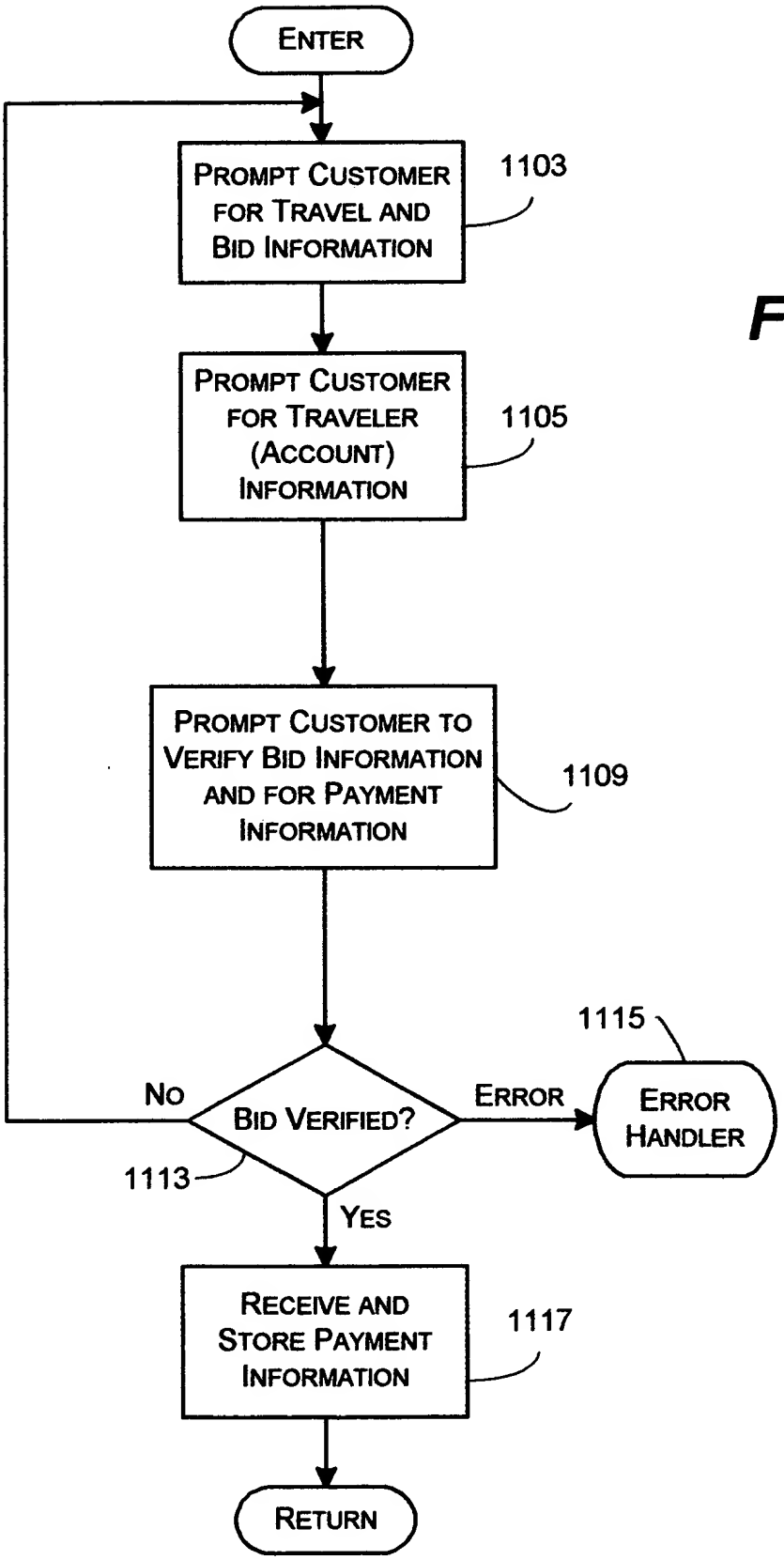

FIG. 11

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FIG. 12

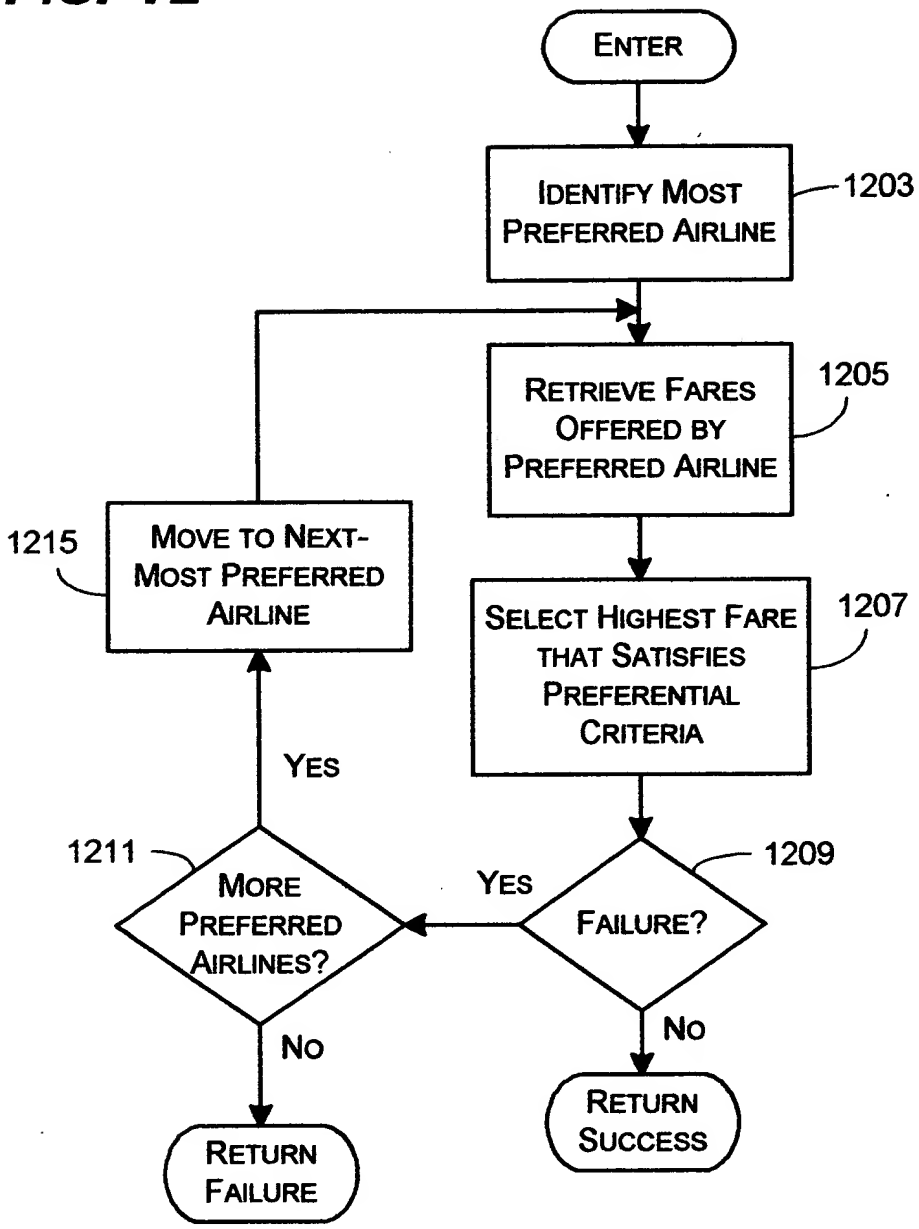
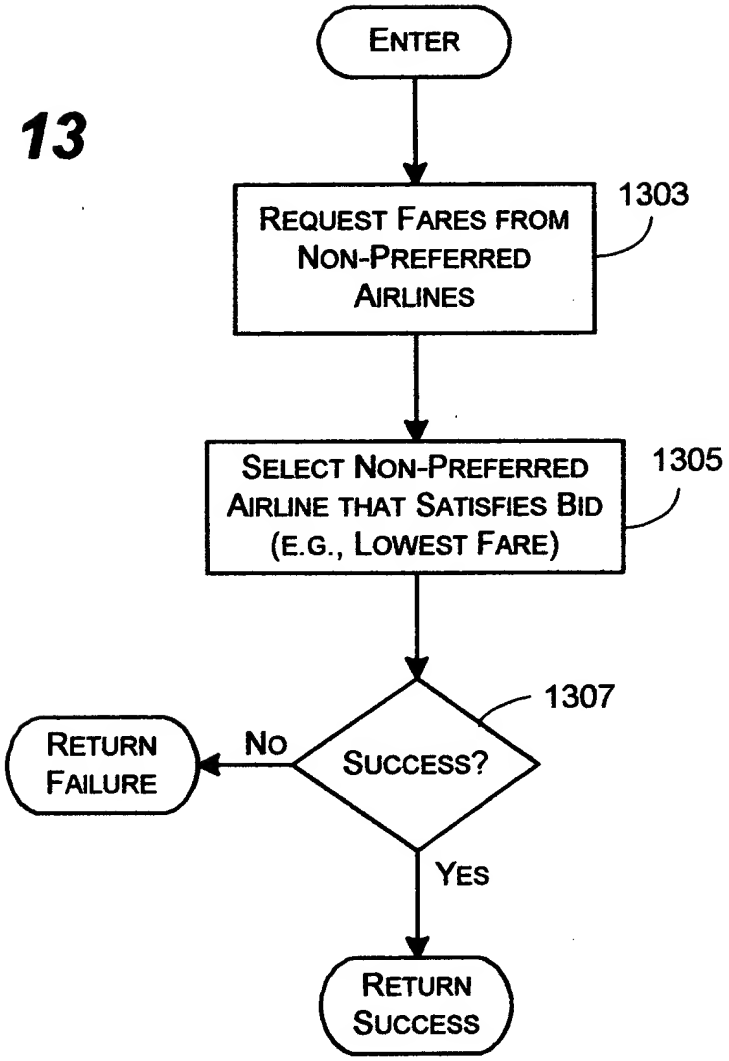

ENTER
IDENTIFY MOST PREFERRED AIRLINE
1203
RETRIEVE FARES OFFERED BY PREFERRED AIRLINE
1205
SELECT HIGHEST FARE THAT SATISFIES PREFERENTIAL CRITERIA
1207
FAILURE?
1209
YES
NO
RETURN SUCCESS
MORE PREFERRED AIRLINES?
1211
YES
NO
RETURN FAILURE
MOVE TO NEXT-MOST PREFERRED AIRLINE
1215

FIG. 13


ENTER
REQUEST FARES FROM NON-PREFERRED AIRLINES
1303
SELECT NON-PREFERRED AIRLINE THAT SATISFIES BID (E.G., LOWEST FARE)
1305
SUCCESS?
1307
NO
RETURN FAILURE
YES
RETURN SUCCESS

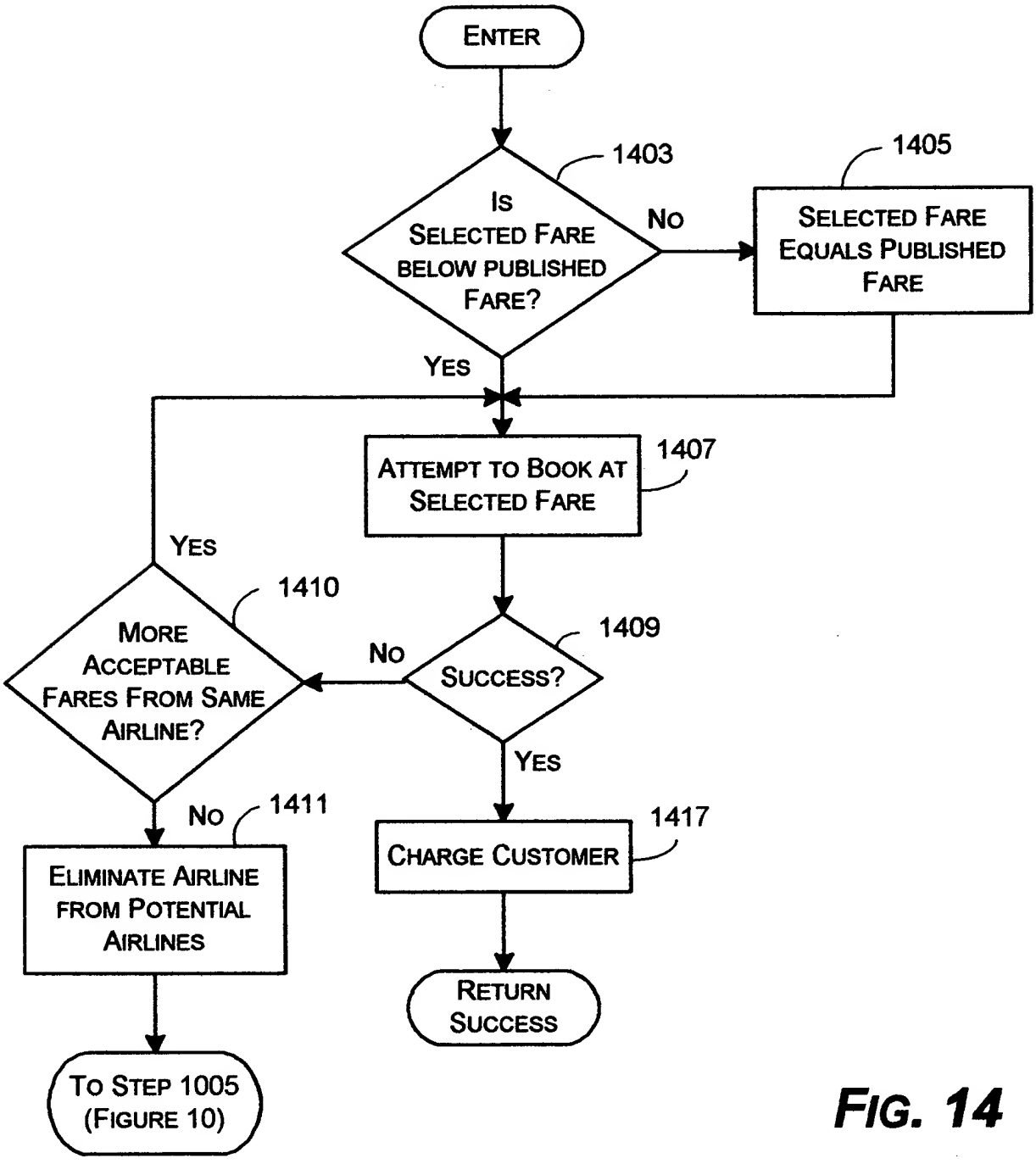

ENTER
1403
IS SELECTED FARE BELOW PUBLISHED FARE?
NO
1405
SELECTED FARE EQUALS PUBLISHED FARE
YES
ATTEMPT TO BOOK AT SELECTED FARE
1407
YES
1410
MORE ACCEPTABLE FARES FROM SAME AIRLINE?
NO
1409
SUCCESS?
YES
NO
1411
ELIMINATE AIRLINE FROM POTENTIAL AIRLINES
CHARGE CUSTOMER
1417
RETURN SUCCESS
TO STEP 1005 (FIGURE 10)

FIG. 14